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INDICTMENT RETURNED FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, announced today that a federal grand jury in Memphis, Tennessee returned an indictment against Michael Alexander for obstruction of justice.

The one-count indictment alleges that between March 9, 2000, and May 16, 2000, American National Mortgage, Inc. received a subpoena to provide certain records and documents to a federal grand jury. According to the indictment Alexander, age 47 of Memphis, aided and abetted other persons in obstructing justice by removing and discarding some of the subpoenaed records. According to the indictment the grand jury was investigating violations of the federal conspiracy, mail, wire and bank fraud, and money laundering statutes.

The maximum penalty for obstruction of justice is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The investigation of those whom Alexander assisted is continuing.

The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carroll Andre' and William Clabault of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. The Memphis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Memphis Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service are assisting in the investigation.

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